



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2014

With twenty five (25) members in attendance

Ted Nelson, Ray Crestwell, Lester Brown, Larry Allen, Donald Happy, Vern Mattocks, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, LeRoy Coe, Sam Leonard, Ron Pardeck, Melvin Johnston, Wally Glasco, Jerry Pate, Jerry Head, Bob Beeks, Martin Groat, Gene Welch, Stephanie Ebner, Gentry Thomason, Larry Wahl, and Robert Emery.

95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 19:00 HRS

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the opening prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led the post in the pledge of allegiance and reading of the preamble.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the January meeting. Jerry Pate made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Sam Leonard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there were any guest or new members present. Larry Wahl and Martin Groat introduced them selves to the Post

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for committee reports.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for January.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$4742.77

Deposits: \$558.00

Withdrawals: \$1669.91

Ending Balance: \$3630.86

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about depositing \$714.16 into the new Building Fund CD. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported this money was from the ten percent (10%) collected from the Post fundraising events.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy asked if there were any questions about the finance report. No questions were asked.

New Members:

Post 95 Vice Commander LeRoy Coe reported current paid up membership was at 261 with membership goal of 300.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that with the renewal notices he received from Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy. That the current paid up Post 95 membership would be two hundred seventy (270). Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that Post 95 had a balance with Department of Missouri that amounted to twenty one (21) members and could be used to pay for membership.



Flag Etiquette: No Report

Honor Team: Don Happy reported that the Honor Team had only done one (1) funeral since the last meeting.

Oratorical Contest:

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that the Clay County contestant had did not win the Zone 2 Oratorical Contest and would not be advancing to Department contest.

Girls State: Robert Emery reported that he had received a sponsor check for Missouri Girls State from the Liberty PEO Chapter

Boys State: Robert Emery reported that he had received two (2) applications for Missouri Boys State.

Paul Ellison made a motion to sponsor up to four (4) Missouri Boys State Candidates. After some discussion Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Cadet Patrol: No Report

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy said that BINGO would be next Thursday at 18:30 HRS and all were welcome to help out.

Sickness and Distress:

Ted Nelson reported that Ray Nichols was sick with the flu.

Old Business:

Newsletter:

Larry Allen reported that he had purchased years worth of printing services from the UPS store. Larry Allen reported that the special rate for a year worth of printing came to three hundred twenty four (\$324) dollars which would cover all the newsletter printing for the year and have some extra printing available.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen reported that he had found roaster cookers online at Wal-Mart for thirty nine dollars and ninety eight cents (\$39.98) with free shipping to the local Wal-Mart. Larry Allen talked about needing four (4) roasters for cooking at the dinner. Sam Leonard suggested purchasing five (5) roasters at forty (\$40) dollars each. Ray Crestwell made a motion to purchase five (5) electric roasters at thirty nine dollars and ninety eight cents (\$39.98) each. Bob Beeks seconded the motion and the motion passed. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said to let him know when the roasters arrived and he would write a check for the purchase amount.

Larry Allen discussed how much hamburger meat would be needed for the Spaghetti Dinner and how much hamburger meat people already had. Ray Crestwell reported that he had fourteen (14) pounds and Larry Allen reported that he had sixteen (16) pounds. Larry Allen reported that dinner usually used eighteen (18) pounds of spaghetti and twenty one (21) pounds of hamburger for the Spaghetti Dinner. Larry Allen suggested that the Post just prepare the normal amount and see how the first dinner goes.



Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy asked how much the Post should charge for meal tickets.

Larry Allen reported that prices of supplies had gone up a little so the Post could charge the same price as the last fundraising dinner.

It was decided to set meal ticket prices at four (\$4.00) dollars for children and seven (\$7.00) dollars for adults.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about getting raffle prizes and setting a dollar amount for the purchasing of the raffle prizes. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy suggested purchasing gift cards like the last time and spending three hundred (\$300.00) dollars. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy made a motion to have LeRoy Coe purchase three hundred (\$300) dollars worth of gift cards. Bob Beeks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Larry Allen talked about the Liberty UPS Store maybe wanting to buy an ad in the Post Newsletter.

Don Happy reported that one (1) new advertiser and los three (3) advertisers to the Post newsletter.

Robert Emery asked about getting the wiring done for the steam table in time for the dinner. Don Happy said that all that was needed was for the plug on the steam table to be changed and the wiring checked to see if it could handle the amperage. Jerry Pate said that he had a friend who was a qualified electrician who would check it out. Sam Leonard asked if the steam table was needed since we will have all the cookers. All thought it was better to use the steam table.

Larry Allen passed around a sign up sheet for the Spaghetti Dinner. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that she had received the OK to use the hall on the Friday before the dinner. Larry Allen talked about doing prep of onions and garlic and would be looking for help. Don Happy said that he would do inventory and get supplies as needed. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that since there was no garbage disposal in the kitchen we would just have to haul everything out to the dumpsters.

Larry Allen asked about door prizes. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if anyone would volunteer to get door prizes. The room got quiet.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read some of the correspondence the Post had received.

Don Happy talked about the Missouri Funeral Honors meeting to be held in Lee's Summit on February 25th at 19:00 HRS. Don happy said that anyone interested to please contact him or Mike Edwards.

Paul Ellison asked if anyone had talked to the tax expert yet. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that no one has done it yet as she was trying to get more information.



New Business:

Clay County Veterans Memorial Building:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the building had been sold for two hundred twenty five thousand (\$225,000.00) dollars and after fees the total to be split between the two (2) organizations would be two hundred twenty tree thousand (\$223,000.00) dollars. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about holding a Memorial Building Association meeting at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home on March 11th at 19:00 HRS to discuss an agreement on how to split the monies from the sale of the building. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about a meeting with the other organization and a suggested eighty percent (80%) (VFW) – twenty percent (20%) (Legion) was discussed. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked how the membership felt about the split terms. Larry Allen talked about the Building Association charter listed how things were to be split and that is the way it should be done. All thought the split should be fifty percent (50%) (VFW) – fifty percent (50%) (Legion). Jerry Pate talked about it going before a judge who would make the final decision and that we should stick to the Building Association Charter terms. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about how things had been between the two (2) organizations over the years.

After lots of heated discussion it was decided that Don Happy would collect all the financial records on everything the Legion had contributed to the Building over the years. Jacob Samborski talked about the American Legion paying to pave the parking lot. Stephanie Ebner suggested gathering all the information we can before the meeting. Jerry Pate said that he would talk with Roger Powell about the parking lot paving. Sam Leonard said that the Legion should call their bluff. Robert Emery talked about the only way the monies would go the national organizations was by the local organizations dissolving. Sam Leonard made a motion to present the Building Association a 50/50 split proposal. Jerry Pate seconded the motion. Gentry Thomason proposed starting at 50/50 and maybe going to 60/40. The motion passed with out amendment.

Don Happy said that he would start gathering the finance information and would be talking with Ray Nichols and Jim Riech to get more background information.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about getting an appointment with the tax expert setup soon. Don Happy said that he would get it setup.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the closing prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 20:06HRS

Submitted _____ Approved _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Judi Samborski - Commander